

PON-13-503
Building Natural Gas Technology (BNGT) Grant Program
Questions and Answers

1. Will there be a limit as to the number of applications proposed by each single entity [applicant]?

There will be no limit. However, each application must propose a technology, research, or study that is distinct from others submitted by the same entity, as stated on page 22 of the Program Opportunity Notice (PON).

2. Based on the amount of the grant, how many projects are expected for Group B's Indoor Environmental Quality?

We anticipate one project will be funded.

3. How many projects are expected for Group C's NOx control devices?

We anticipate multiple projects will be funded.

4. For Group C, NOx control devices research and development, what is the target thermal output (BTU/hr) range of the devices to be [sic] studied for potential NOx control?

There is no set target thermal output for devices to be studied. However, they should be a size that is commonly used in residential or commercial settings in California.

5. If a utility has funding allocated for an organization's particular research area, and that same organization is now approved for new research that will widen the research area's scope, can the organization apply the utility funding towards match funding?

Those funds can be considered towards match funding as long as 1) the utility-funded research and the new research/technology is relevant to the scope of the solicitation (refer to Section II, Eligible Projects and Attachment 5 of the PON), and 2) the utility funds have not been spent and are spent during the Commission's project term. Match funding requirements are discussed on pages 12 and 13 of the PON.

6. Will the pre-application workshop presentation be posted?

*Yes, the presentation will be posted online at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/pier.html#PON-13-503>.*

7. At the abstract stage, does the proposal have to identify by name all the subcontractors (including the M&V contractor) we intend on working with?

No, not all subcontractors will need to be identified in the abstract stage. However, in the formal proposal, the Applicants must propose a subcontractor team, if applicable, that has demonstrated the ability to successfully complete similar research or demonstration projects. Please refer to Attachment 7, section 2, criterion 4.

8. If an application is selected to move forward from an abstract to a formal proposal, are we committed to using only those subcontractors identified in the abstract stage? Or is it possible to add or substitute, if needed?

No. Applicants are not limited to only the subcontractors identified in the abstract stage.

9. Does third party in-kind labor, by a utility partner or subcontractor for example, that is related to the proposed research fall under the definition of “cash” for match funding purposes?

Yes. In-kind labor from partners or subcontractors is counted as “cash” under match funds. Direct labor from the prime contractor (applicant) is not included.